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Genetically Handicapped Persons Program
Policy Letter: G-01-11

TO: GENETICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS PROGRAM (GHPP)
SPECIAL CARE CENTER (SCC) MEDICAL DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: GHPP Conversion to the Children's Medical Services Network

The purpose of this policy letter is to update you on changes to the GHPP case management system. The Children's Medical Services Network (CMS NET) system, which is already utilized by the California Children's Services providers, will be used to establish GHPP eligibility and to issue authorizations for GHPP medical services. The end result of this conversion is a more consistent eligibility, authorization and claims processing system. The goal is to make everyone's job easier, including your staff and the GHPP State staff.

On January 24, 2011, GHPP clients will be integrated into the State's electronic case management system, the CMS NET. Therefore effective that date, all medical and dental services for GHPP clients must be preauthorized via a Services Authorization Request per current GHPP policy. All Medi-cal providers will be notified of this change via the Medi-Cal Provider Bulletin in January.

The CMS NET will not allow any flexibility in authorizing GHPP services that are beyond the client's eligibility period. The system will also force the need for the submission of a complete GHPP application to continue GHPP benefits. The application must include prior year's Federal Tax Form 1040 of the applicant, if not a dependent. If the applicant is a dependent on another person's tax return, that return must be submitted. We encourage your medical staff that have direct contact with GHPP clients to help clients understand how to submit a complete GHPP application.

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If you have any questions on the GHPP conversion, please feel free to call GHPP at 1 (800) 639-0597 or 1 (916) 327-0470.

Sincerely,

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